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HIGHWAY BRIDGE, ROUTE 9
TCHEPONE AREA, LAOS
1642N 10613E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARDS J-5982 AND J-6084 FOR COMPARISON)

1. [REDACTED] FIRST REVEALED DAMAGE TO
THE EASTERN SPAN OF THE FOUR-SPAN, STEEL-TRUSS ROUTE 9 HIGHWAY BRIDGE
OVER THE SE BANG HIENG (RIVER) 1.4 NM NORTHWEST OF TCHEPONE RENDERING
IT IMPASSABLE TO VEHICLES.

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2. [REDACTED] REVEALED THE EASTERN SPAN
OF THE BRIDGE PARTIALLY COLLAPSED. FLOODING ACTION WAS APPARENT ON
BOTH BANKS OF THE RIVER. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ATTEMPTS TO FORD
THE RIVER.

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3. [REDACTED] REVEALED A NEW ROAD BY-
PASS APPROXIMATELY 0.2 NM EAST OF THE BRIDGE CONNECTING ROUTE 9 WITH
THE PARTIALLY-COLLAPSED EASTERN SPAN OF THE BRIDGE. THE BRIDGE APPEARED
TO BE SERVICEABLE FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

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4. [REDACTED] REVEALS A NEWLY
IDENTIFIED STAIRWAY CONNECTING THE COLLAPSED SPAN WITH ROUTE 9. A
MILITARY AREA 0.5 NM EAST OF THE BRIDGE CONTAINS ONE PROBABLE BARRACKS,
ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND ONE SUPPORT BUILDING. NO BOMB DAMAGE
IS OBSERVED.

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5. AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY NUMEROUS COLD TALE, LUCKY
DRAGON, AND [REDACTED] MISSIONS.

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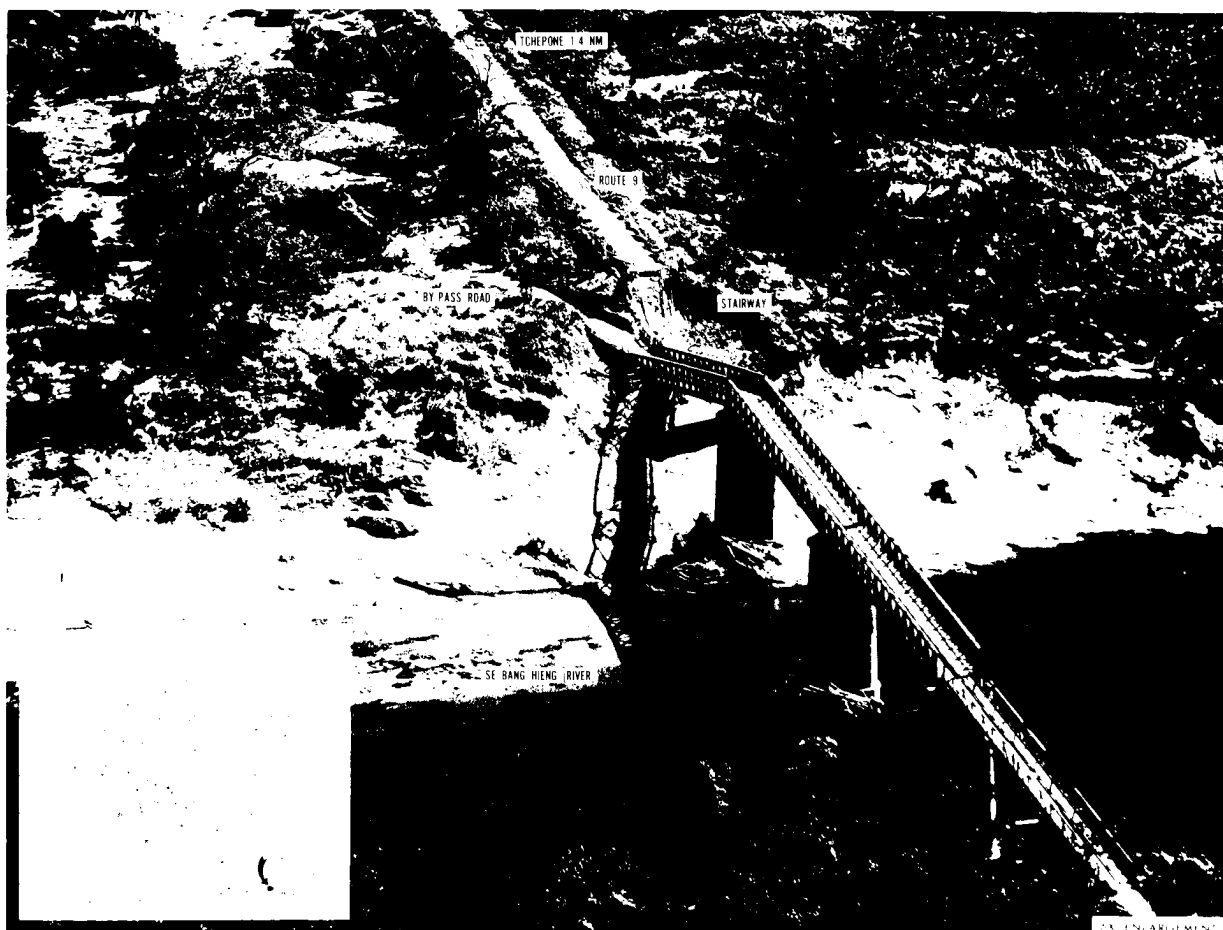
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